

Lake Conway Advocacy Group Meeting

Meeting Overview

July 1, 2009

I. Call to order

Jim McKenzie called to order the first meeting of the **Lake Conway Advocacy Group** at **10:00 a.m.** on **July 1, 2009** in **Faulkner County Natural Resource Center, Conway, Arkansas.**

II. Attendees Introduction

Jim McKenzie conducted an introduction of attendees along with a sign in. The following persons were present:

Jim McKenzie – MetroPlan

David Goad – Arkansas Game and Fish Commission (AGFC)

Mike Armstrong – Arkansas Game and Fish Commission (AGFC)

Tom Bly – Arkansas Game and Fish Commission (AGFC)

Matt Schroeder – Arkansas Game and Fish Commission (AGFC)

Hayden Baldwin – Lake Conway Home Owner’s Association (LCHOA)

Julia Smethurst – US Army Corp of Engineers (USACE)

Richard Collins – Retired Professor

Elmer Flucht - Faulkner Co. Facilities Board

Charles McGrew – Arkansas Dept. of Health (ADH)

Shari Campbell – Spokesman for Rogers Estates

Jamie Gates – Conway Chamber

Bobby Edwards – Rogers Estate Resident

Tab Townsell – Mayor of City of Conway

Dan Flowers – Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD)

Earl Smith – Arkansas Natural Resources Commission (ANRC)

Randy Holland – Mayor of City of Mayflower

Bill Beall – Lake Conway Citizens Advisory Committee (LCCAC)

Preston Scroggins – Faulkner County Judge

Steve Drown – Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ)

Teresa Marks – Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ)

Gilbert Baker – State Senate – District 30

*Dan Zajack – Gold Creek Landing

*Robert Hart – Arkansas Dept. of Health (ADH)

*Jim Malcolm – FTN Associates

*Dennis Ford – FTN Associates

*Lance Jones – Arkansas Dept. of Health (ADH)

*Robert Jackson – Arkansas Game and Fish Commission (AGFC)

*Dale Gunter – Arkansas Game and Fish Commission (AGFC)

*Mike Walker – Arkansas Game and Fish Commission (AGFC)

*Attendees not part of working committee

III. PowerPoint Presentation

PowerPoint Presentation given by Matt Schroeder with Arkansas Game and Fish showed a brief overview of the history and morphology of Lake Conway. It also overviewed the major issues of concern for Lake Conway and its watershed.

IV. Open issues

a) Lake Conway

- Flooding
- Sedimentation
- Excessive Aquatic Vegetation
- Water Quality
- Sewer System around Lake Conway
- Stone Dam Creek and Conway storm water run off

b) Grassy Lake Road

- Flooding
 - Hydraulic choke points
 - Hwy 89 Bridge, Grassy Lake Road Bridge, Lake Conway Dam, lower Palarm Creek
 - Need for cooperative study with USACE on lower Palarm Creek
 - Re-Construction of Grassy Lake Road
 - Needs immediate attention in the redirection of road
 - Permitting
 - Location of Funding
 - Design
 - Agencies to be Involved

c) Watershed Issues

- Federal Regulation
- Retention ponds for storm water run-off
- Wetland loss due to sedimentation
- Population Growth
 - Increase sedimentation
 - Non-point source pollution
 - Loss of permeable surfaces

d) Quality of life

- Providing residents and surrounding areas hunting and fishing opportunities

V. Identify Stake Holders

a) Flood Control

- AGFC– in regards to Lake Conway Dam
- AHTD
- Pulaski and Faulkner County local government
- Property owners on Lake Conway

b) Sedimentation

- ADEQ
- Pulaski and Faulkner County local government
- AGFC
- ANRC
- Property owners on Lake Conway

c) Water Quality

- ADEQ
- City of Conway
- Faulkner County Facilities Board
- AHD
- Conway Corp

d) Urban Growth

- ADEQ
- City of Conway
- City of Vilonia
- City of Mayflower
- Pulaski and Faulkner County local government
- AHD

e) Watershed Research

- USACE will participate
- Pulaski and Faulkner County local government needs to participate by asking USACE for a Watershed Research Study
- AGFC can consult consultants regarding a watershed study

f) What's Next

- AHTD will begin reviewing structures on state's highways
- AGFC will review current Water Level Management Plan
- AGFC will contact USACE on funding options
- Pulaski and Faulkner County local government need to meet with AGFC and ADEQ
- Schedule follow up meeting for middle of September 2009 – Rep. Jane English will schedule the meeting
- Locate funding – All involved agencies

VI. Adjournment

Jim McKenzie adjourned the meeting at **11:45 a.m.**